

LEGAL BRIEFS



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When dealing with a subject as complex and dry as law, Janmarie Dielschneider has found that it helps to have a sense of humor. Dielschneider takes her work quite seriously but she recognizes the levity found in daily life and values it. Throughout her law career, Dielschneider has been booked as a humorist for public speaking engagements.

Dielschneider earned her doctor of jurisprudence from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in 1988. Since then, she has stayed abreast of changes in the law with hundreds of hours of continuing legal education. She is a member of both the Oregon and Washington state bar associations.

In addition to her great humor, Dielschneider is known for her boundless energy and compassion. In 2005, she moved from Bend to McMinnville where she can be found running her criminal defense law practice.



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Cynthia Kaufman Noble's formative years in the deep south revealed significant social injustice that affected her deeply as a child. Blessed with a keen sense of fair play and a love of justice, she has a passion to right wrongs. As a family law and juvenile law lawyer in private practice, Cynthia gets plenty of chances to do just that.

Cynthia also serves as the City Prosecutor for the City of McMinnville Municipal Court. She is a member of the Oregon Bar Association, the Yamhill County Bar Association, the Oregon District Attorneys Association and the Yamhill Justice Center.

Cynthia and husband Rick have three witty children and two dogs. When she's not working, Cynthia loves cooking, cross-country skiing, protecting animals and trying to lead her malamute in a more moral direction. Someday, she'd like to publish the children's songs she has composed and also write a children's book.



Robert Johnstone
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A career as an attorney was attractive to Robert Johnstone because of his belief that the rule of law is the very foundation of liberty. Specializing in litigation, the Bellingham, Washington native earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington followed by a law degree from Willamette University College of Law. Today, he is a partner at the venerable Johnstone & Goodfellow law firm in McMinnville.

Johnstone has earned an AV Preeminent rating from the Martindale Hubbell bar registry, a testament to the fact that a lawyer's peers rank him at the highest level of professional excellence. He is also listed in the Best Lawyers in America.

Johnstone lives in McMinnville with his wife, Julie. He is also involved in motion picture production and is a published author. As a retired Marine Lt. Colonel, he sees himself in the hereafter "guarding the streets of heaven."



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Attorney Jacob Mailander likes to add value to his clients' lives by finding solutions instead of becoming a part of the problem.

Born and raised in the midwest, Jake completed his undergraduate studies at the University of South Dakota before attending Michigan State University College of Law. Attorney Mailander was admitted to the State Bar of Wisconsin in 2010 and practiced law in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In 2012, Jake and his wife, Michele, chose to settle in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Upon admittance to the Oregon State Bar, Attorney Mailander worked as a contract lawyer and volunteered his services to the *pro bono* bankruptcy clinic in Portland. In May 2013, he joined the prestigious law firm of Johnstone & Goodfellow in McMinnville.

In his free time, Jake enjoys traveling, reading, gardening and spending time with his family.

WHO'S WHO AMONG YAMHILL VALLEY LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

In this directory, one of McMinnville's longtime lawyers says that the rule of law is the very foundation of the liberty that we all enjoy. He's right, of course. And as our country has grown and matured, so have our laws multiplied.

Laws are on the books today that address situations now commonplace — issues and scenarios that did not even exist only decades ago.

We think that navigating the complex American legal system requires pro-

professionals of the highest caliber. That's why we've put together this directory we're calling Legal Briefs.

In this registry of local attorneys, you'll find the cream of the crop among Yamhill Valley legal professionals. Each attorney profiled here has a unique perspective and has traveled his or her own journey to reach the place he or she occupies today.

Most of these professionals have legal specialties, distinct areas of the law in which they have specific schooling. All of them have a profound respect for the laws that form the structure of our society today.

Whatever your legal needs, we think the lawyers profiled here are the among the best in the Yamhill Valley, deserving of your business!

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For a growing number of people, a critically important part of the health care system involves dealing with complicated Social Security Disability and SSI claims. For many, this process can be long, tiring and very frustrating. The fact is, there is a very good chance that an initial Social Security or SSI claim will be denied. Those denials should be appealed and having an attorney can be very beneficial.

Practicing for over 13 years, local attorney Daniel Cuppett devotes his entire practice to helping people with Social Security Disability, SSI claims, and personal injuries such as automobile accidents. He has even written a book about car accidents.

Clients only pay a fee if their Social Security and SSI claims are successful, and the fee is limited by law. Likewise, automobile accident cases are handled on a contingent basis, with fees paid only in winning cases. Mr. Cuppett encourages you to call and talk about your situation.



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Brent Goodfellow has practiced law in the state courts of Oregon and the U.S. District Court for over a decade. A partner at McMinnville's well-known Johnstone & Goodfellow law firm, Goodfellow specializes in all aspects of family and divorce law.

Goodfellow served as McMinnville Municipal Court Judge pro tempore and as Carlton Municipal Court Judge pro tempore for several years. He currently serves as Circuit Court Judge pro tempore for Yamhill County. Goodfellow serves on the Oregon State Bar of Family Law Section and the Unlawful Practice of Law committee.

Goodfellow is co-chair of the Yamhill County Family Law Advisory Committee. He has competed in three Ironman triathlons and coaches a Little League team for the McMinnville Parks and Recreation District.



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Growing up, Alexis Bishop enjoyed the television reality show "Cops" and found the excitement of law enforcement sparked an early interest in the legal field. Today, as an attorney, she enjoys being in a position to help others and says there is never a dull moment in her field.

Bishop was born in Chester, California and earned a bachelor of arts from the University of California at Davis. She was awarded her doctor of jurisprudence from the Willamette University College of Law and specializes in criminal defense, domestic relations and juvenile law.

When she's not in court or hard at work in her office, Bishop enjoys the great outdoors and spending time with friends and family. She's also known for her love of cooking and baking and might be found playing with her pair of energetic dogs.



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The desire to help people find solutions to challenging situations led Catherine Wright to a career in law. She enjoys working with her clients, helping them plan for the future and solve the problems of the present. Wright primarily deals with guardianships and conservatorships, estate planning, probates, and also land use law.

Born to an English mother and Scottish father, Wright first earned her undergraduate law degree from Anglia Polytechnic University in Chelmsford, UK before graduating with a juris doctor from Willamette University in Salem.

Wright has served on numerous county-level professional responsibility committees, was a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for abused and neglected children, and now serves as President of Yamhill County CASA. She lives on 30 acres in rural McMinnville with her husband, horses and dogs.



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Dianne Haugeberg has always enjoyed meeting new people and learning about their lives and families. That's why she is perfectly suited in her role as an attorney specializing in estate and tax planning. At McMinnville's Haugeberg, Rueter, Gowell, Fredricks & Higgins law firm, Haugeberg helps her clients with wills, trusts, tax planning, probate and trust administration.

Haugeberg earned a bachelor of science degree from Willamette University in 1997. Three years later, she was awarded her doctor of jurisprudence from Santa Clara University. In 2001, Haugeberg graduated cum laude with a master of laws (LLM) degree in taxation from the University of San Diego School of Law.

Haugeberg lives in McMinnville with her husband and two young children. In her spare time, she enjoys photography, raising chickens, cooking and reading a good book.



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Karin Moshier has always been interested in helping people who are facing difficult situations to achieve positive solutions. In fact, this desire to help launched her law career. Moshier specializes in family law, including divorce, custody, child support, parenting time and spousal support at Haugeberg Rueter Gowell Fredricks & Higgins in McMinnville.

Moshier earned a bachelor of arts in economics from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. She was then awarded her doctor of jurisprudence from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. Moshier is on the board of the Yamhill County Bar Association, is a member of the Oregon State Bar Association and is active in the McMinnville Kiwanis Club.

Moshier lives in McMinnville with her husband, Robert, and their ten-month-old daughter, Claire. When she's not working, she enjoys hiking, traveling, sports and reading.



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When Tom Tankersley decided to pursue a career in law, he envisioned helping people solve problems in diverse situations. Tankersley enjoys complex questions and transactions. He particularly likes the long-term relationships he's developed with his clients, staff and law partners.

Tankersley graduated from UC Santa Barbara with highest honors. After earning his law degree from UCLA, the Virginia native settled in the Pacific Northwest where his practice focus on land use law, agriculture, timber, and business are perfectly suited. During his first year as an attorney, Tankersley served as law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court.

Tankersley lives in McMinnville with his wife. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, hunting, hiking and boating. He has served as a volunteer Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Hunter Education instructor for over 20 years.



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Joseph Strunk enjoys a good academic challenge. His desire for cerebral stimulation led him to acquire a masters degree in English literature from the University of Tennessee and teach English before earning the degree of doctor of jurisprudence from West Virginia University where he was selected for law review.

Today, Strunk handles primarily property law, contracts and business law for the McMinnville firm Drabkin, Tankersley & Wright. He enjoys helping people solve problems and accomplish goals. The Appalachian native has called the Yamhill Valley home since 2007 and says there is no place he would rather live.

Possessed with an innate love of the great outdoors, Strunk enjoys exploring all corners of the great Pacific Northwest. He lives with his wife, Shelly—also an attorney—and their two small children in McMinnville.



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Samuel Justice is known for being a lifelong learner. He has always enjoyed finding answers and solving problems. Besides, with a surname like his, it may have been destiny.

Justice is an attorney specializing in municipal law, real estate and employment law for the Haugeberg, Rueter, Gowell, Fredricks & Higgins law firm. He was awarded a bachelor of arts with highest honors in foreign language and history from Portland State University in 1989. Justice then graduated cum laude with a doctor of jurisprudence from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in 1993. He is a member of the Oregon State Bar Association and the Yamhill County Bar Association.

When he's not in court, Justice is captain of the "Mad Macs" Hood-to-Coast running team. He also serves as president of the McMinnville Lions Club and is past president of the McMinnville Downtown Association.



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Growing up in Ashland, Charles Hillestad always liked books and was particularly impressed by the way law books looked. Even though they've almost been completely replaced by computers, he still finds joy in becoming an attorney.

Hillestad's undergraduate work was at the University of Oregon and he earned his law degree from the University of Michigan's Law School. He clerked for the Colorado Supreme Court and spent his career in private practice specializing in Property Law matters like real estate sales, leasing, incorporations, and general business management advice. He also found time to create three premier lodgings giving him *practical* experience in business, which has enhanced the *legal* advice available for clients.

Hillestad has been married to his wife, Ann, for nearly forty years and lives in McMinnville. He is also an accomplished amateur photographer.